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Mr. B. VENKATARATNAM :—(in Telugu) " May I know whether picketing will be included in the propaganda work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not think that picketing is any propaganda. Picketing is action and not propaganda."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—" May I know if 'such other methods' include propaganda not to bid at sales of toddy and liquor shops ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" A committee has been appointed to prepare literature ; they will consider all these matters."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know from the hon. Minister whether any specific steps have been taken as a preliminary measure ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" Materials for preparing the literature and for having magic lantern pictures are being collected from various places."

Government Orders on the recommendations of the Special Malaria Officer.

*123 Q.—Mr. K. R. KARANT : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any and if so, what orders have been passed by Government on the various recommendations made by the Special Malaria Officer in his report on the malaria survey conducted by him in the Puttur taluk (South Kanara) as per G.O. No. 2353, P.H., dated 7th November 1928 ;

(*b*) whether the said Government Order requires the said officer to continue his investigations in other taluks as well ; and

(*c*) why such investigation or survey has not been extended to the said other taluks ?

A.—(*a*) The report of malaria survey by the Special Malaria Officer in the Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, has been communicated to the Puttur Taluk Board. The Taluk Board has been asked to provide funds for the programme of anti-malarial measures prepared by the District Health Officer in the order of urgency and to appoint the necessary staff for the purpose.

(*b*) & (*c*) Yes. The Special Malaria Officer has subsequently been directed to carry out the investigation in the malarial tracts of other taluks, South Kanara district, in December or January next when the season will be suitable for the work.

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I ask whether the Special Malaria Officer has not reported that this taluk which he inspected is the worst in the whole of the Presidency in respect of malaria ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" He has reported that it is a very bad taluk."

Mr. K. R. KARANT :—" May I know whether the Government approve of the preventive measures suggested in the report ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" The Government have approved the measures and that is the reason why they have asked the taluk board to see that those measures are adopted."

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Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I ask whether the hon. Minister is aware that those measures are such as cannot be carried out entirely by the taluk board, because one of the remedies suggested is the clearance of forest areas from at least two furlongs from human habitations? How can the taluk board deal with this question ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" If the taluk board will carry out certain measures and if they want the help of the Government in other matters, necessary steps will be taken."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether it is the intention of the Government to ask the taluk boards to carry out those measures from their own funds, or whether the Government will be prepared to allot funds for the purpose ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" In the first instance the taluk boards will be asked to carry out the measures but if they plead inability, then the question of allotting funds by the Government will be considered."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" One of the suggestions of the Special Malarial Officer is that a second-class Health Officer should be appointed for this special work. May I ask whether this is not the business of the Government rather than that of the taluk board ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" If the taluk board starts work and asks for a second-class Health Officer, he will be sent. There is no use of appointing the officer if there is no work to be done by him."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" May I know if the Government will provide funds necessary to carry out all the measures suggested ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" It has to be seen whether the taluk board will be able to carry out those measures themselves, whether it has not sufficient funds and if it wants help, to what extent."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" May I ask whether the Government have studied the report submitted by the Special Malaria Officer before it was sent to the taluk board ? "

The hon. the President :—" The question does not arise."

Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar :—" May I know whether the Government have made any provision for this purpose and if so, how much ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" Provision will be made after we know the amount of money required."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao :—" With regard to the recommendations of the Malaria Officer which have to be carried out by other departments, may I know whether the Government have had correspondence with them and whether they have any definite measures or proposals formulated ? "

The hon. Mr. S. Muthiah Mudaliyar :—" The Government have asked all departments to co-operate with the taluk board in carrying out the recommendations of the Special Malaria Officer."

Mr. K. R. Karant :—" With reference to the clearance of the reserve forest areas, may I ask whether the Government have sent the proposals to the Forest Department for action ? "

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The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" All these things will be considered when action is taken finally when it is known what action is desired to be taken."

Report of the Special Malaria Officer on the investigation of malaria in the Puttur taluk.

*124 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state what action the Government propose to take on the report of the Special Malaria Officer on the investigation of malaria in the Puttur taluk of South Kanara.

A.—The report of the Special Malaria Officer on malaria survey in the Puttur taluk, South Kanara district, has been communicated to the Puttur Taluk Board for necessary action.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—" May I know whether the taluk board has applied to the Government to provide them with funds for carrying out this work ? "

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—" I do not remember ; I want notice."

Change of the composition and revision of the Advisory Committees constituted for the District Headquarters Hospitals.

*125 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether, in view of the unsatisfactory functioning of the Advisory Committees constituted for the district headquarters hospitals, the Government propose to change the composition and revise the functions of these committees so as to make them do better work ?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1598, P.H., dated the 26th June 1929, laid on the table.[a]

Locally made cots and food wagons for the hospitals.

*126 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government have examined the question of getting made locally cots and food wagons of the pattern required for hospitals ?

A.—The question of obtaining hospital cots of local manufacture is being examined. As regards food wagons, it has been decided that those of local manufacture may be used and they are being used.

Registration

Appointments made by the Inspector-General of Registration within the last eighteen months.

*127 Q.—Mr. P. ANJANEYULU : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table all appointments made by Inspector-General of Registration within the last eighteen months ?

A.—The information has been called for.

[a] Printed as Appendix VIII on pages 342-345 infra.